

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member characterized by covering a surface of a substrate with a  $Y_2O_3$  black spray coating, wherein the  $Y_2O_3$  black spray coating is generated by a laser or electron beam process.

2. (Original) A  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member according to claim 1, wherein an undercoat made of a metal coating is disposed beneath a  $Y_2O_3$  black spray coating.

3. (Original) A  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member according to claim 2, wherein a middle layer is disposed between an undercoat made of a metal coating and a  $Y_2O_3$  black spray coating as a top coat.

4. (Previously Presented) A  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member according to claim 2, wherein the undercoat is a metal coating made of at least one metal or alloy selected from Ni and its alloy, W and its alloy, Mo and its alloy, Ti and its alloy, Al and its alloy, and Mg alloy at a thickness of 50-500  $\mu m$ .

5. (Original) A  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member according to claim 3, wherein the middle layer is made of a coating of  $Al_2O_3$ , a double oxide of  $Al_2O_3$  and  $Y_2O_3$ , a solid solution or a mixture thereof.

6. (Previously Presented) A  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member according to claim 1, wherein the  $Y_2O_3$  black spray coating is obtained by forming a  $Y_2O_3$  re-molten layer having a thickness of less than 30  $\mu m$  and a blackened  $Y_2O_3$  layer on a surface of the  $Y_2O_3$  spray coating.

7. (Previously Presented) A  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member according to claim 1, wherein the  $Y_2O_3$  black spray coating is constituted with a layer in which  $Y_2O_3$  particles blackened on an outer peripheral portion or an inside of  $Y_2O_3$  particle constituting the spray coating are deposited to a thickness of about 50-2000  $\mu m$ .

8. (Original) A method of producing a  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member, characterized in that a white  $Y_2O_3$  powdery material is plasma-sprayed directly on a surface of a substrate or on an undercoat applied onto the surface of the substrate in an inert gas atmosphere substantially containing no oxygen to form a  $Y_2O_3$  black spray coating.

9. (Original) A method of producing a  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coating member, characterized in that a white  $Y_2O_3$  powdery material is sprayed on a surface of a substrate to form a  $Y_2O_3$  white spray coating and then a laser beam is irradiated to form a blackened  $Y_2O_3$  layer on a surface of the  $Y_2O_3$  white spray coating.

10. (Original) A method of producing a  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member, characterized in that a white  $Y_2O_3$  powdery material is sprayed directly on a surface of a substrate or on an undercoat applied onto the surface of the substrate to form a  $Y_2O_3$  white spray coating, and then an electron beam is irradiated under a low pressure or in an inert gas atmosphere under a low pressure to form a blackened  $Y_2O_3$  layer on the surface of the  $Y_2O_3$  white spray coating.

11. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member according to claim 8, wherein the undercoat made of a metal coating is disposed beneath the  $Y_2O_3$  black spray coating.

12. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member according to claim 8, wherein a middle layer is disposed between the undercoat made of a metal coating and the  $Y_2O_3$  black spray coating formed as a top coat.

13. (Original) A method of producing a  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member according to claim 8, wherein the inert gas atmosphere is an atmosphere under a low pressure of 50-600 hPa.

14. (Original) A method of producing a  $Y_2O_3$  spray-coated member according to claim 8, wherein the inert gas atmosphere includes an environment of a heat source for an

atmosphere plasma spraying surrounded with a gas such as Ar, N<sub>2</sub> or the like so as not to penetrate air into the heat source.

15. (Original) A method of producing a Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> spray-coated member according to claim 12, wherein the middle layer is made of a coating of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, a double oxide of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, a solid solution or a mixture thereof.

16. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> spray-coated member according to claim 8, wherein the Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> black spray coating is obtained by forming a Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> re-molten layer having a thickness of less than 30 μm and a blackened Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> layer on a surface of the Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> spray coating.

17. (Preciously Presented) A method of producing a Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> spray-coated member according to claim 8, wherein the Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> black spray coating is constituted with a layer in which Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles blackened on an outer peripheral portion or an inside of Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particle constituting the spray coating are deposited to a thickness of about 50-2000 μm.